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AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VOLUNTARY SPEAKER RICHARD FRIEDMAN

USIA FOR IEE AND ICS

1. IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR, MR. RICHARD FRIEDMAN, CURATOR OF PHILLIPS COLLECTION, INDICATES HE WILL BE IN PARIS LATTER PART OF OCTOBER AND COULD VISIT SOFIA AS WELL AS BUCHAREST AND BUDAPEST AND LECTURE ABOUT AMERICAN ART.
2. THIS EMBASSY IS INDEBTED TO THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION FOR LOAN OF TWO PAINTINGS BY AUGUSTUS VINCENT TACK WHICH HAVE ATTRACTED FAVORABLE ATTENTION HERE; AND WE BELIEVE WE COULD ARRANGE LECTURE AT THE RESIDENCE TO INCLUDE SOME BULGARIAN PAINTERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN MODERN PAINTING.
3. USIA PLEASE CONTACT FRIEDMAN TO DETERMINE DATES OF HIS AVAILABILITY AND TERMS UNDER WHICH HE IS WILLING TO COME TO SOFIA. (UNDERSTAND FROM HIS LETTER, HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY HIS OWN AIR TRANSPORTATION).
4. REQUEST USIA TO COORDINATE FRIEDMAN'S SCHEDULE WITH BUCHAREST AND BUDAPEST IF THOSE POSTS CAN PROGRAM HIM. SINCE OTHER GUESTS ARE ALSO EXPECTED IN SOFIA WE WILL NEED CLOSE COORDINATION ON DATE OF VISIT HERE.

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